

# Limitations of Electron Beam Conditioning in Free-Electron Lasers

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- Initial motivation to improve LCLS x-ray FEL design
- Presentation is somewhat historical according to our efforts
- Find fundamental limitations and draw some general conclusions

# MOTIVATION

SASE FEL needs very bright electron beam...

$$\varepsilon_N < \gamma \frac{\lambda_r}{4\pi}$$

transverse emittance:  $\approx 1 \mu\text{m}$  at 1 Å, 15 GeV

$$\sigma_\delta < \rho \approx \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{I_{pk}}{I_A} \frac{\lambda_u^2}{\beta \varepsilon_N} \left( \frac{K}{\gamma} \right)^2 \right)^{1/3}$$

energy spread:  
 $\approx 0.05\%$  at  $I_{pk} = 4 \text{ kA}$ ,  
 $K \approx 4$ ,  $\lambda_u \approx 3 \text{ cm}$ , ...

Energy spread is easy, but emittance is a real challenge  
 (present RF-guns produce  $\varepsilon_N > 2 \mu\text{m}$ )

Requirement is eased if correlation establish  
 between energy and 'emittance' ( $\varepsilon \sim x^2$ ) → “*FEL conditioning*”

# Radio-Frequency Beam Conditioner for Fast-Wave Free-Electron Generators of Coherent Radiation

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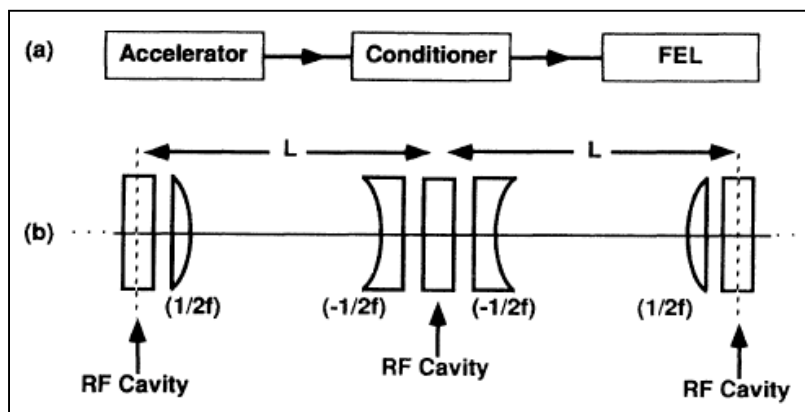
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A method for conditioning electron beams is proposed to enhance gain in resonant electron-beam devices by introducing a correlation between betatron amplitude and energy. This correlation reduces the axial-velocity spread within the beam, and thereby eliminates an often severe constraint on beam emittance. Free-electron-laser performance with a conditioned beam is examined and analysis is performed of a conditioner consisting of a periodic array of FODO channels and idealized microwave cavities excited in the  $TM_{210}$  mode. Numerical examples are discussed.

...a very good idea.  
How can we use it?

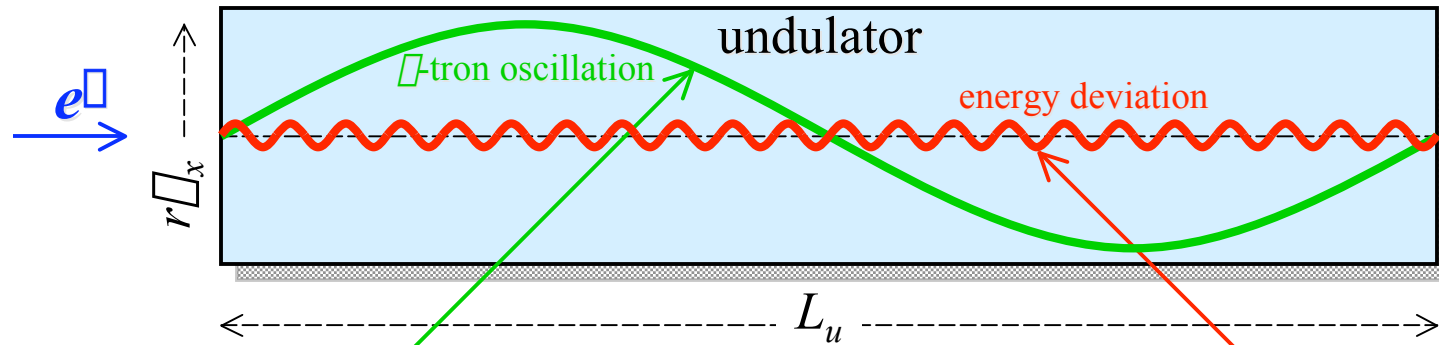


the beam and the FEL, as depicted in Fig. 2(a). We consider the simplest example of such a conditioner corresponding to a periodic lattice, with period as depicted in Fig. 2(b), consisting of a FODO array and suitably phased microwave cavities operating in the  $TM_{210}$  mode.

For example, for a 30-Å FEL, with  $I \sim 80$  A,  $mc^2\gamma_0 \sim 1240$  MeV,  $\epsilon_n \sim 2 \times 10^{-6} \pi$  m,  $\lambda_w \sim 2$  cm,  $B \sim 0.66$  T, and plasma density  $n_p \sim 1.5 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>, we find extremely high gain,  $L_G/2 \sim 2.1$  m (without conditioning  $L_G/2 \sim 26$  m). However,  $mc^2\Delta\gamma_c \sim 17$  MeV and the corresponding conditioner would be several hundred meters long [17].

nificantly, from the Panofsky-Wenzel theorem one expects a radio-frequency quadrupole (RFQ) effect with a phase-dependent focal length of order  $f_l \sim \gamma/2a\omega$ . As a result the beam head and tail will have slightly different lattice parameters and will be mismatched upon injection. We will consider only the limit  $f_l \gg f$ , where this effect is small. In general one expects that this effect can be eliminated with proper matching at the conditioner entrance and exit, for example, with an RFQ [12].

# FEL Electron Beam Conditioning...



path length lag due to electron oscillation:

$$\Delta s_r \approx - \int_0^{L_u} \frac{x'^2(s)}{2} ds$$

$$x'(s) = r \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_u}{\beta_u}} \sin(s/\beta_u)$$

$$\Delta s_r \approx -r^2 \frac{\varepsilon_u}{\beta_u} \int_0^{L_u} \frac{\sin^2(s/\beta_u)}{2} ds$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\varepsilon_u}{\beta_u} L_u r^2$$

path length change due to energy offset:

relative slippage

$$\Delta s_\delta \approx \eta \cdot L_u \delta_u = \frac{1}{\gamma_u^2} \left( 1 + K_u^2 / 2 \right) \cdot L_u \delta_u$$

$$= 2 \frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_u} L_u \delta_u$$

## ...FEL Electron Beam Conditioning

Multiply  $\Delta s_r$  by 2 to include both  $x$  and  $y$ , and total path is sum of  $\square$ -tron and energy effects...

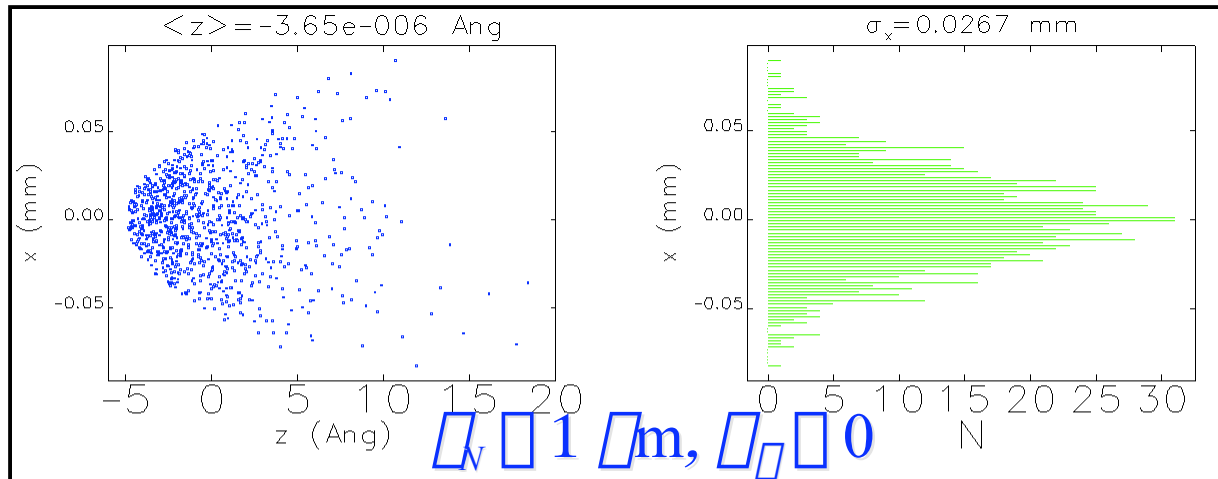
$$\Delta s = \Delta s_\delta + 2\Delta s_r = 2\frac{\lambda_r}{\lambda_u}L_u\delta_u - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\varepsilon_u}{\beta_u}L_ur^2 = 0$$

$$\delta_u = \frac{1}{4\gamma_u}\frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r}\frac{\varepsilon_u}{\beta_u}r^2 \quad \textbf{conditioned}$$

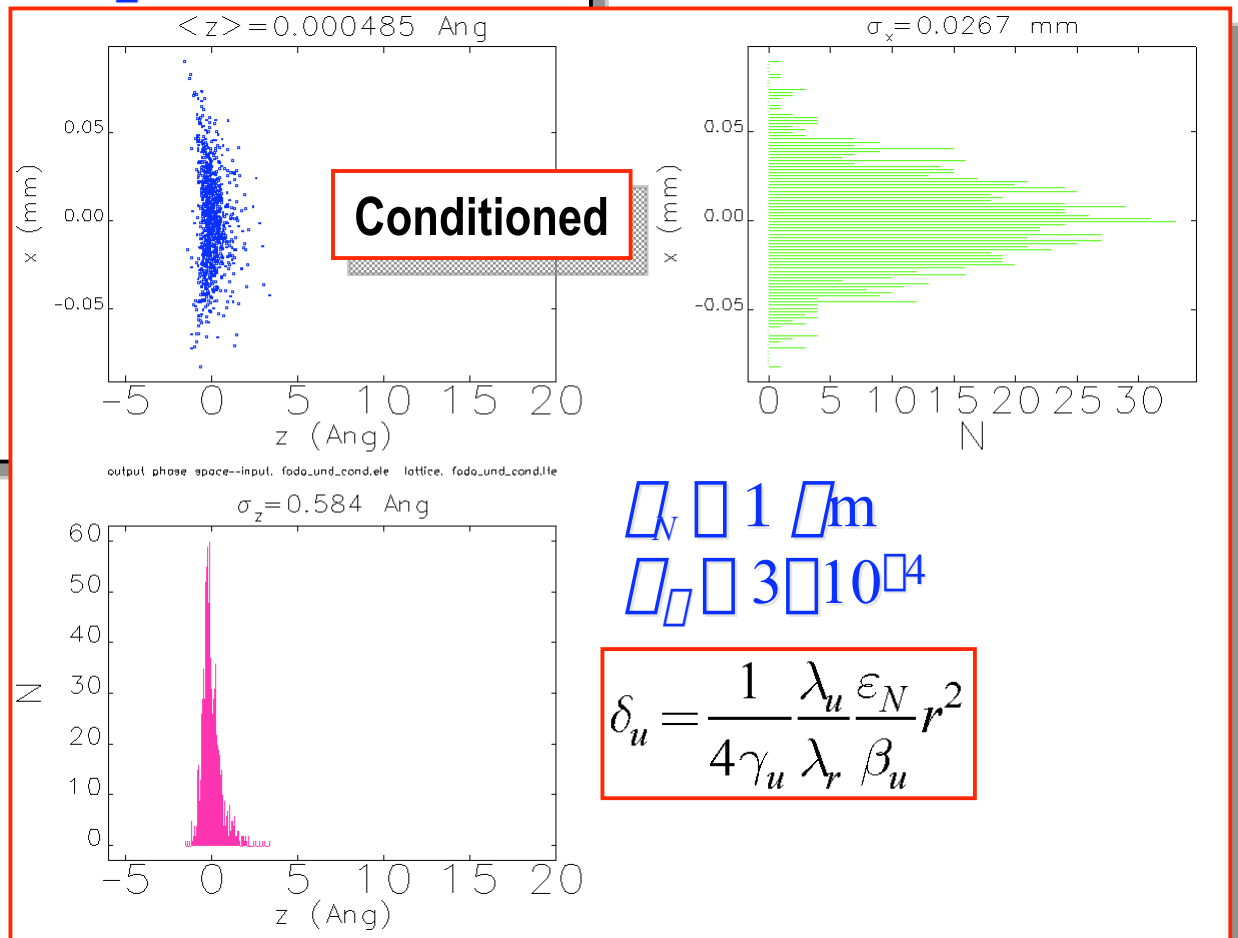
Relative energy deviation,  $\delta_u$ , of each  $e^-$  should be increased in proportion to the square of its normalized  $\square$ -tron amplitude,  $r$

$$r^2 = \frac{x^2 + (\beta_u x')^2 + y^2 + (\beta_u y')^2}{\varepsilon_u \beta_u} \quad (\text{natural focusing: } \square_{x,y} = 0)$$

# Slippage in Tracking Run (with *LCLS*-like FODO lattice)



Not conditioned



Conditioned

$$\sigma_z = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma_x = 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\delta_u = \frac{1}{4\gamma_u} \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r} \frac{\epsilon_N}{\beta_u} r^2$$

Most publications add conditioner after accelerator, before FEL.  
What about conditioning prior to acceleration and compression?

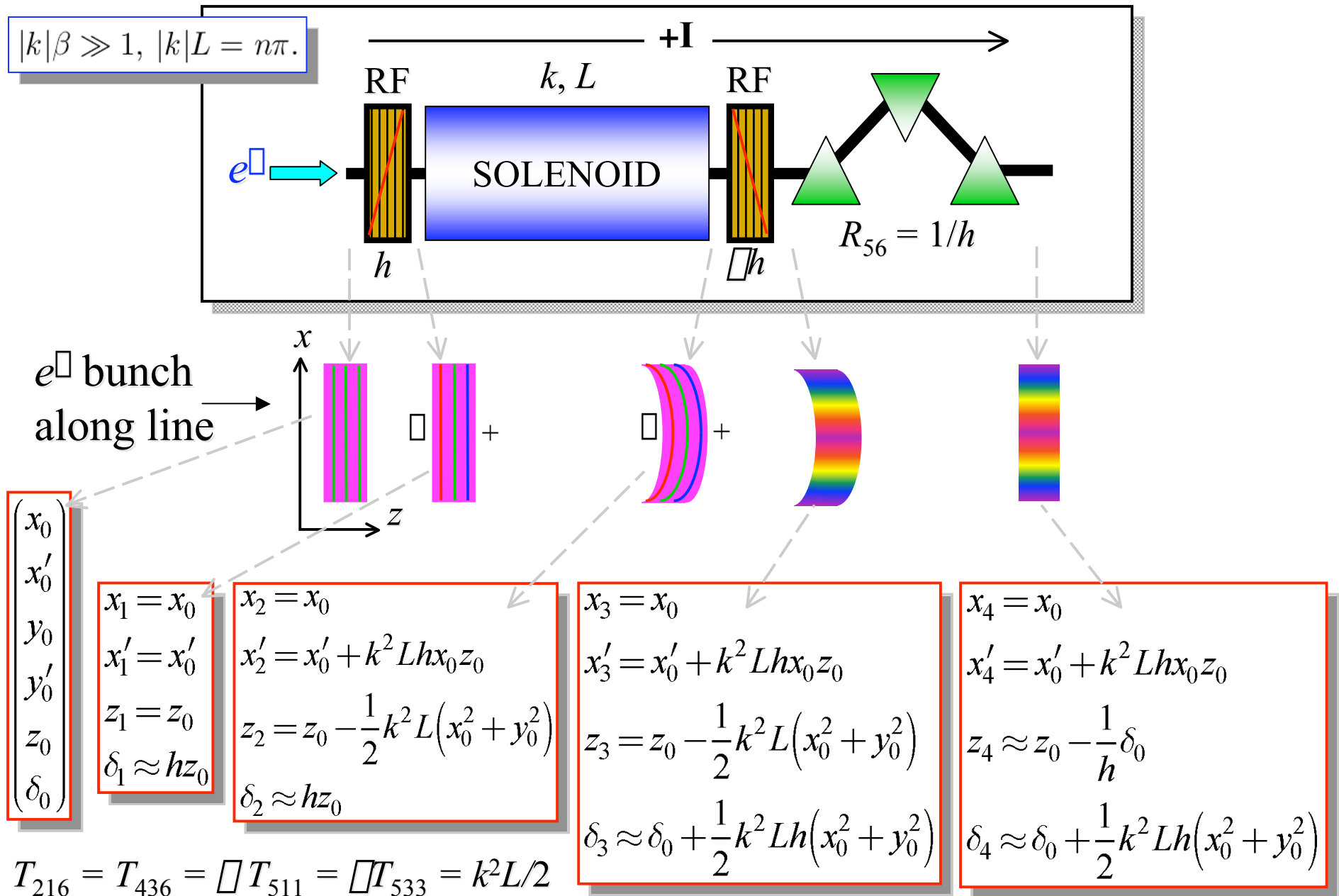
$$\delta_u = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\lambda_u}{\gamma_u} \frac{\varepsilon_N}{\lambda_r \beta_u} r^2$$

### (Practical Issues)

- Locate conditioner near start of accelerator at low energy (weaker conditioning fields needed)...
- After conditioner  $e^\pm$  bunch is compressed from  $\sigma_{z0}$  to  $\sigma_{zf}$ , and accelerated from  $\gamma_0$  to  $\gamma_u$  ...
- Acceleration *reduces* conditioned relative energy spread, but compression *increases* it...
- Energy deviation needed at low-energy conditioner is...

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\sigma_{z0}} \frac{\gamma_u}{\gamma_0} \delta_u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon_N}{\gamma_0 \sigma_{z0}} a \cdot r^2, \quad a \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r} \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\beta_u} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{conditioning} \\ \text{coefficient,} \\ \sim 30 \text{ for LCLS} \end{array}$$

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$$x = x_0$$

$$x' = x'_0 + k^2 L h x_0 z_0$$

← transverse aberration

$$z \approx z_0 - \frac{1}{h} \delta_0$$

$$\delta \approx \delta_0 + \frac{1}{2} k^2 L h (x_0^2 + y_0^2)$$

← one-phase conditioning

Energy conditioning is provided for  $h > 0$ ...

$$r^2 \equiv \frac{x_0^2 + y_0^2}{\beta \epsilon_0}.$$

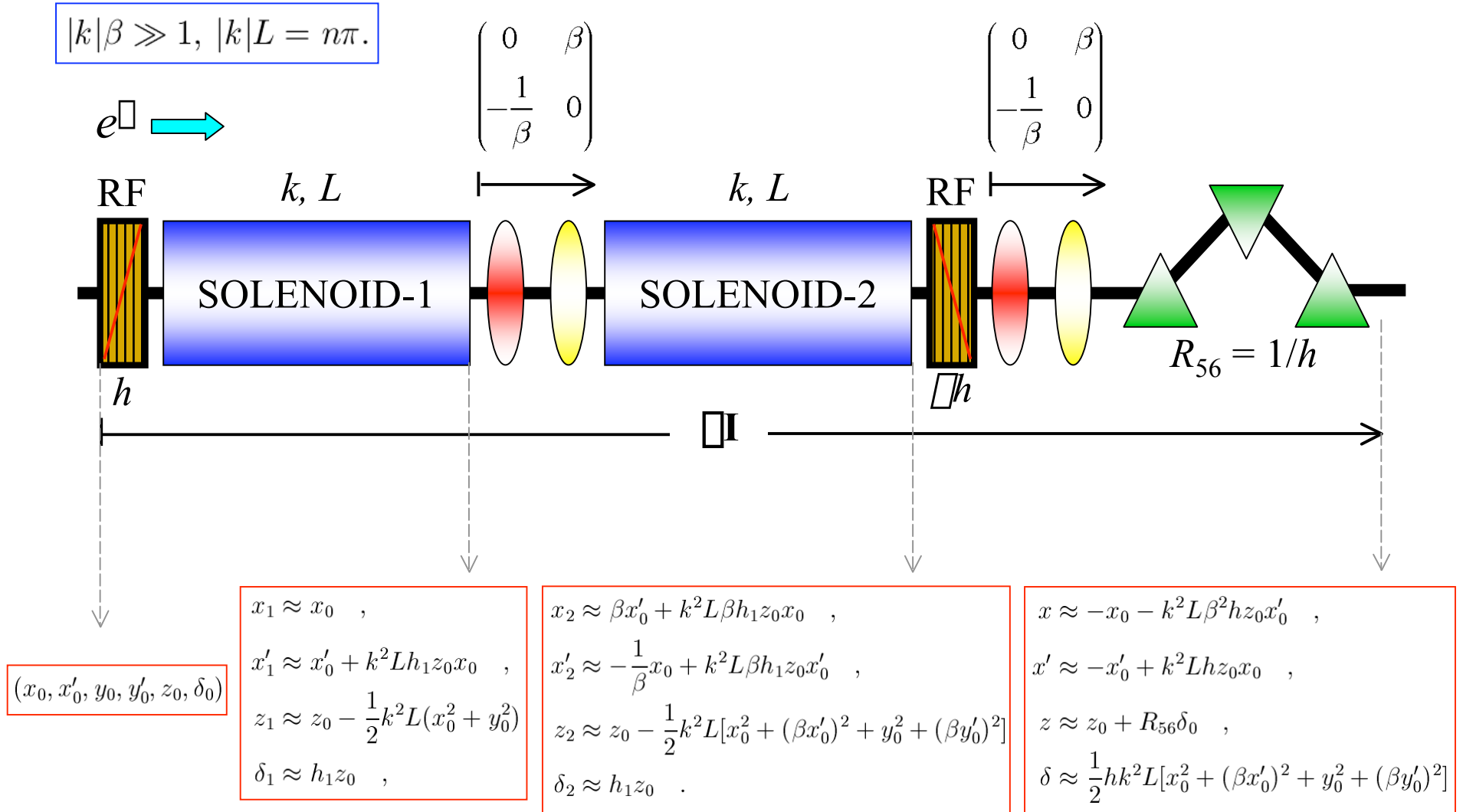
Equate to earlier result...

$$\delta = \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\sigma_{z_0}} \frac{\gamma_u}{\gamma_0} \delta_u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_N}{\gamma_0} \frac{a}{\sigma_{z_0}} r^2, \quad a \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r} \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\beta_u}$$

$$k^2 L h \beta \sigma_{z_0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r} \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\beta_u} \equiv a,$$

Conditioner parameters (left) are set by FEL parameters (right)

# ‘Two-Phase’ FEL Conditioner



(see also N. Vinokurov; NIM A **375**, 1996, pp. 264-268)

# Conditioning and Emittance Growth

Transverse emittance growth due to solenoid chromaticity...

$$\epsilon_x^2 = \langle (x - \bar{x})^2 \rangle \langle (x' - \bar{x}')^2 \rangle - \langle (x - \bar{x})(x' - \bar{x}') \rangle^2.$$

$$x \approx x_0,$$

$$x' \approx x'_0 + k^2 L h z_0 x_0,$$

$$\bar{x} = \langle x \rangle = 0$$

$$\bar{x}' = \langle x' \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle x x' \rangle = 0$$

$$\epsilon_x^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle \langle x'^2 \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle x_0^2 \rangle \langle (x'_0 + k^2 L h z_0 x_0)^2 \rangle$$

$$= \epsilon_{x0}^2 [1 + (k^2 L h \beta \sigma_{z0})^2],$$

where  $\langle x_0^2 \rangle = \beta \epsilon_{x0}$ ,  $\langle x_0'^2 \rangle = \epsilon_{x0} / \beta$ , and  $\langle z_0^2 \rangle = \sigma_{z0}^2$ ,

Relative transverse emittance growth...

$$\frac{\epsilon_x}{\epsilon_{x0}} \approx k^2 L h \beta \sigma_{z0} \gg 1,$$

...is set by FEL parameters, not conditioner...

$$a \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_u}{\lambda_r} \frac{\sigma_{zf}}{\beta_u} \approx \frac{\epsilon_x}{\epsilon_{x0}}$$

# ‘RF-Quad’ Effect

Conditioner adds kick dependent on  $z_0$ ...

Head ( $z_0 > 0$ ) is de-focused and tail is focused (RF-quad effect)...

$$x' \approx x'_0 + \underbrace{k^2 L h z_0}_{1/f} x_0,$$

$1/f$ : time dependent focus

$$\beta/f(\pm\sigma_{z0}) = \pm k^2 L \beta h \sigma_{z0} = \pm a,$$

Solenoid conditioner generates same undesirable RF-quad effect as  $\text{TM}_{210}$ -type conditioner. Is there some fundamental connection?

# Numerical Example

FEL and conditioner parameters for the LCLS [2] and VISA [9].

parameter	symbol	LCLS	VISA	units
electron energy/ $mc^2$	$\gamma_u$	28000	140	
undulator period	$\lambda_u$	3	1.8	cm
radiation wavelength	$\lambda_r$	1.5	8500	Å
und. beta-function (natural focusing)	$\beta_u$	72	0.6	m
final rms bunch length	$\sigma_{zf}$	24	100	$\mu\text{m}$
conditioning coefficient (one phase)	$a$	33	1.8	

For LCLS using natural focusing ( $\beta_u \approx 72$  m)...

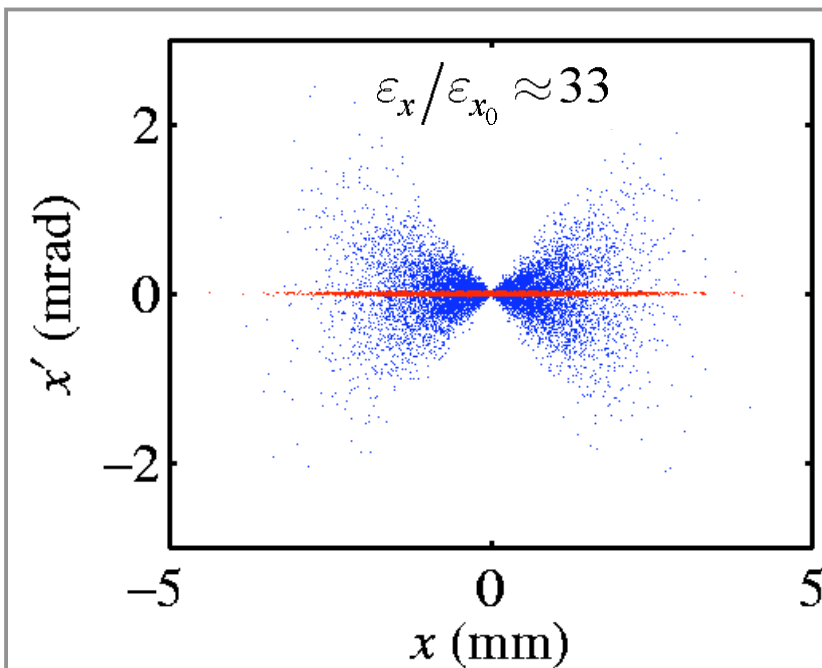
$$\epsilon_x / \epsilon_{x0} \approx 33.$$

A “two-phase” conditioner is **much** worse.

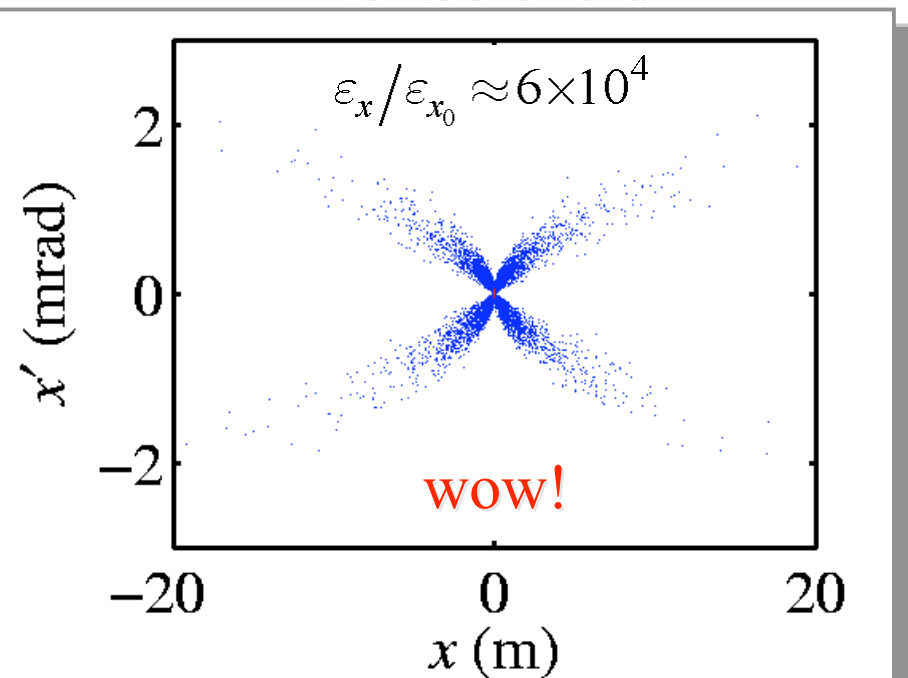
# Particle Tracking Through Solenoid System

$$\text{With } k = \frac{k_0}{1+\delta}$$

After Solenoid-1



After Solenoid-2



If this is a general result, then conditioning a short wavelength FEL looks **impossible**.

→ Go to Gennady's half of talk...

## Conditioning and Symplecticity

Assume that the conditioner does not introduce coupling between the vertical and horizontal planes, and consider only the horizontal plane with the initial values of coordinates  $(x_0, x'_0)$  at the entrance, and the final values  $(x, x')$  at the exit.

Instead of using variables  $x_0, x'_0$  and  $x, x'$ , introduce new variables  $\xi_0, \xi'_0$ , and  $\xi, \xi'$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi'_0 \end{pmatrix} = Q_0 \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x'_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \xi' \end{pmatrix} = Q \begin{pmatrix} x \\ x' \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Q_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta_0}} & 0 \\ \frac{\alpha_0}{\sqrt{\beta_0}} & \sqrt{\beta_0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} & 0 \\ \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\beta}} & \sqrt{\beta} \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $\beta_0, \alpha_0$  and  $\beta, \alpha$  the Twiss parameters.

The map from  $\xi_0, \xi'_0, z_0, \delta_0$  to  $\xi, \xi', z, \delta$  is symplectic. In linear approximation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \xi' \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi'_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $\psi$  the betatron phase advance.



## “One-Phase” Conditioner

Contribution  $x_0^2/(\beta\epsilon_0)$  of the  $x$ -coordinate to the parameter  $r^2$  is equal to  $\xi_0^2/\epsilon_0$ ,

$$r^2 \rightarrow \frac{\xi_0^2}{\epsilon_0} .$$

Conditioning requires

$$\delta = \delta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} \xi_0^2 .$$

## Symplecticity and Generating Function

Symplecticity means that  $\xi_0, \xi'_0, z_0, \delta_0$  and  $\xi, \xi', z, \delta$  are related via a canonical transformation.

We use a generating function which depends on old coordinates  $\xi_0$  and  $z_0$  and new momenta  $\xi'$  and  $\delta$ ,  $F(\xi_0, z_0, \xi', \delta)$ .

$$\xi'_0 = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi_0}, \quad \delta_0 = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_0}, \quad \xi = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi'}, \quad z = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \delta}.$$

In paraxial approximation, all coordinates and momenta are considered small and we can expand  $F$  in Taylor series:

$$F \approx F_2 + F_3 + \dots,$$

where  $F_2$  is a quadratic, and  $F_3$  is a cubic function of the coordinates and momenta.

We require  $F_2$  to generate the linear map for  $\xi$  and  $\xi'$  with a unit transformation for  $z$  and  $\delta$

$$F_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\xi_0^2 + \xi'^2) \tan \psi + \xi_0 \xi' \sec \psi + \delta z_0 .$$

The function  $F_3$  involves 2<sup>nd</sup>-order abberations in the system. We chose only the term responsible for the conditioning:

$$F_3 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} z_0 \xi_0^2 .$$

We find

$$\delta_0 = \delta - \frac{1}{2} \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} \xi_0^2 ,$$

hence

$$\delta = \delta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} \xi_0^2 .$$

We also have from the generating function  $F_2 + F_3$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= z_0 \\ \xi'_0 &= \xi_0 \tan \psi + \xi' \sec \psi - \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} z_0 \xi_0 , \\ \xi &= \xi' \tan \psi + \xi_0 \sec \psi . \end{aligned}$$

These equations can be easily solved for  $\xi$  and  $\xi'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \xi_0 \cos \psi + \xi'_0 \sin \psi + \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} z_0 \xi_0 \sin \psi , \\ \xi' &= -\xi_0 \sin \psi + \xi'_0 \cos \psi + \frac{a}{\sigma_{z0}} z_0 \xi_0 \cos \psi . \end{aligned}$$

For the single phase solenoid conditioner  $\psi = 2\pi n$ ,  $\beta_0 = \beta$ ,  $\alpha_0 = \alpha = 0$ , and this equation agrees with Paul's equations for “one-phase” conditioner (in the limit  $h \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Calculate the projected emittance increase of the beam due to the conditioning:

$$\epsilon_x^2 = \langle \xi^2 \rangle \langle \xi'^2 \rangle - \langle \xi \xi' \rangle^2$$

where the averaging is

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \int \frac{dz_0}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{z0}} e^{-z_0^2/2\sigma_{z0}^2} \int \frac{d\xi_0 d\xi'_0}{2\pi\epsilon_{x0}} e^{-(\xi_0^2 + \xi_0'^2)/2\epsilon_{x0}} \dots$$

Result

$$\epsilon_x^2 = \epsilon_{x0}^2 (1 + a^2) .$$

For large  $a$

$$\frac{\epsilon_x}{\epsilon_{x0}} \approx a$$

## Comments

- The standard approach in the beam optics uses Taylor expansion, assuming that  $F_3 \ll F_2$ . This is true only for  $a \ll 1$ . However, if we allow  $F_3 \gg F_2$  and set  $F = F_2 + F_3$ , then the map is symplectic, and the model is still valid.
- Adding more terms in  $F_3$  does not lead to the cancellation of the emittance growth due to conditioning.
- We also did a full conditioner, and found that  $\epsilon_x^2/\epsilon_{x0}^2 - 1 \propto a^4$ , in agreement with simulations.

## Conclusions

- Due to the symplecticity of the map, an FEL conditioner unavoidably generates differential focusing along the bunch which results in the emittance growth that is directly related to the conditioning parameter  $a$ . Any attempt to correct this aberration downstream would result in ruining the conditioning. We demonstrated this on a solenoid conditioner, and proved for a general symplectic one-phase conditioner.
- The parameter  $a$  is large for modern short-wavelength FELs and makes the emittance growth unacceptable.
- Simulations show that for a two-phase conditioner, the effect of the emittance growth is even worse than for one-phase conditioner. The effect is so strong for LCLS parameters, that it would ruin the linear optics and result in the loss of the beam. Even for 1  $\mu\text{m}$  FEL (VISA) the emittance growth is still a problem.